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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 4-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 3 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 October 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____. |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because applicant has labeled the parts as figures and not labeled each drawing with a figure number. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New Sheet” pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Applicant is directed to the references in the references cited section of this office action, in order to see how drawings are normally labeled. (Applicant should appropriately alter the specification to reflect any changes in labeling of the drawings. No new subject matter should be added.)

Claim Objections

2. Claim 2 is objected to because of the following informalities: “one” should be written as “1”. Appropriate correction is required.

Applicant’s claim 2 is dependent on claim 1, however the “1” has been spelled out instead of indicated as “1”.

3. Claims 3, and 4 are objected to because of the following informalities: lack of antecedent basis for the term “the headboard”. Appropriate correction is required.

None of the claims defines what a headboard is or where one would find it, for example the board on the back of a bed is generally termed a headboard and therefore simply claiming the headboard does not sufficiently define where the projector is to be located, however it is clear from applicant’s drawings that applicant is referring to a dashboard in an automobile and this assumption will be used in preparing a prior art rejection of applicant’s claims.

4. Claim 6 is objected to because of the following informalities: lack of antecedent basis for the term “the projection’s visual media”. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim 6 is not dependent on any other claim and it does not claim a projector and therefore the glass structure cannot reflect its visual media. Applicant should make claim 6 dependent on a claim such as 7 that claims a projection device.

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5. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: it claims a projection image is installed. Appropriate correction is required.

A projection image is a bundle of light. Light inherently cannot be installed anywhere since it always travels at the speed of light and ceases to exist when it stops traveling.

6. Claim 3 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim should refer to other claims in the alternative only. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claim 3 has not been further treated on the merits.

(The claim properly should read “media onto the glass as claimed in claims 1 or 2”).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

7. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

8. Claim 6 is rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to

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present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

Claim 6 comprises of more than one sentence.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

9. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

10. Claims 1, 2, 4-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stringfellow (US 6,359,737.)

Stringfellow teaches in figure 1 a glass (16) having a concave structure either inside or on the inner pane allowing it to have greater reflective qualities. Specifically the glass has a tint on the inner pane that is darker than that on the outer plane as is claimed in applicant's claim 2. See column 2 lines 47-60.

With regards to applicant's claims 4, 6, and 7:

It is clear that the image is projected from the headboard. Inherently the projected light does not change the glass's transparent qualities (it may reflect to such a degree that one cannot see what is on the other side of the glass, but that is a result of the light not the glass's transparent qualities which generally do not change unless the crystalline structure or chemical content of the glass is changed.)

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With regards to applicant's claim 5:

See column 1 lines 9-38.

Conclusion

11. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US 6,443,573 to Aoki, see figure 1.

US 5,867,133 to Toffolo et al., see figure 1A.

US 3,899,241 to Malobicky, Jr. et al. see figure 2.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew T. Sever whose telephone number is 571-272-2128. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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